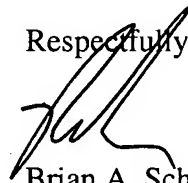


Creating an Opening in the Wall of a Tubular Vessel.” The filing receipt additionally shows that the parent application 10/054,745 was filed on January 22, 2002. Thus, the filing receipt of the parent application establishes that attorney docket no. 057 corresponds to serial no. 10/054,745.

**REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE**

Entry of this amendment and allowance of pending claims 1-57 are respectfully solicited. Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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This patent application is a continuation-in-part of the U.S. Patent Application filed on January 22, 2002 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Creating an Opening in a Tubular Vessel," [attorney docket no. 057,] serial number [not yet assigned] 10/054,745.